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SUBJ: NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE VISIT

1. SUMMARY: NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE'S CHAIRMAN HEWITT AND PRESIDENT PHILLIPS RECEIVED A CORDIAL RECEPTION AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL DURING THEIR JUNE 26-28 VISIT TO PEKING. FOR THE MOST PART, POLITICAL TOPICS WERE NOT RAISED BY THEIR CHINESE HOSTS BUT FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LI CHIANG SAID PROGRESS TOWARDS NORMALIZATION WAS MOVING AT A VERY SLOW PACE AND THAT TRADE WOULD BE LIMITED UNTIL NORMALIZATION. WANG YAO-THING MAY HEAD THE CCPIT DELEGATION TO THE U.S. THIS FALL. END SUMMARY

2. A CORDIAL RECEPTION AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL WAS ACCORDED THE JUNE 26-28 VISIT OF NCUSCT CHAIRMAN HEWITT AND PRESIDENT PHILLIPS THEIR GROUP WAS MET AND SEEN OFF BY CCPIT PRESIDENT WANG YAO-TING, WHO HOSTED BOTH A BANQUET AND A LUNCH FOR THEM. TOASTS AT BOTH BANQUETS, ATTENDED BY THE ACTING CHIEF, WERE POSITIVE  
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IN TONE AND SHORT ON POLITICAL COMMENT.

3. A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA WAS NOT POSSIBLE, BUT PHILLIPS AND HEWITT DID CALL ON FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LI CHIANG, WHO TOLD THEM THAT IF SINO-US RELATIONS IMPROVED, TRADE WOULD INCREASE.

LI VOLUNTEERED THAT VISITS SUCH AS THAT OF THE CHINESE PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT DELEGATION NOW IN THE STATES ARE VERY USEFUL AND SAID THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE MORE VISITING DELEGATIONS.

4. HEWITT TOLD LI THAT ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN US-CHINESE RELATIONS, THE US IS WORKING TO SOLVE THEM ON THE BASIS OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE LI RESPONDED THAT IT HAD BEEN MORE THAN FIVE YEARS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND THAT THIS WAS A VERY SLOW PACE. WHEN HEWITT COUNSELED PATIENCE, LI RESPONDED THAT THE PRC WAS PATIENT BUT COLD NOT WAIT INDEFINITELY. HE ADDED THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT CHINA AND THE US MUST SETTLE ALL ITS PROBLEMS AT ONCE. NEVERTHELESS, PROGRESS IN TRADE WILL BE LIMITED UNTIL NORMALIZATION. HEWITT'S STATEMENT THAT HE HOPED THE VANCE VISIT WOULD SERVE AS A STEP TOWARD NORMALIZATION MET WITH THE RESPONSE THAT THE MAIN ISSUE INVOLVED IN NORMALIZATION WAS TAIWAN.

5. WANG SAID THAT THE FINAL COMPOSITION OF THE CCPIT DELEGATION THAT WILL VISIT THE  
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US THIS FALL HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. FROM COMMENTS MADE DURING THEIR VISIT, HOWEVER, PHILLIPS AND HEWITT EXPECT WANG TO HEAD A DELEGATION OF ABOUT FIFTEEN PERSONS.  
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